

Subject: Chinese coinage-- Kai Yuan--
Wu Tsung coins

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Mr. Howard Wood

American Numismatic Soc
New York.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Some months ago you

wrote a letter to Mr. Lewis Moon.

Saying that you had Chinese coins
of your issue in your collection.

Despite this discouraging note I am
writing to ask you if you would care

to learn what 13 coins I have
that were made about 846 A.D. from
Buddhist Bells when the temples all
in China were torn down. There
were a total of 23 pieces represented
+ I have 13th Besides about 1000

of the same emperors ordinary
coins - I consider these Budd.
bill coins the rarest in China -
that is the rarest coin - of historical
interest to Westerners.

Also I have been able to
get quite a few "Ant nose coins"
wh. I do not think are coins
but scaraboids.

Would you be interested in these
I'd appreciate your answer
to these points.

Yours very truly
B. C. Patterson

Howard P. Gibbs and
1434 Harris Ave
Cuyler, N.Y.

May 28, 1936

Mr. B. C. Patterson,
Tenghsien,
Shantung, China

Dear Mr. Patterson:

Your letter of April 27th at hand. I have just looked through our collection of Kai Yuan coins of the period of Wu Tsung and of the 32 known Mints of this emperor. We have 71 specimens. I did not, however, check up to see if each mint was represented but from these figures you can see we have a good many specimens.

I do not know where you could dispose of these in this country unless possibly Howard D. Gibbs, 1434 Harris Ave., Crafton, Pittsburgh, Pa., would be interested.

At the present time there seems to be a decided lack of interest in Chinese cash. Pieces collected are simply the modern coins since 1900. We have really a very fine collection of the Ant Nose pieces. We have just over 100 specimens. I personally think they are coins and were derived from the cowrie, as we have a whole progression from the actual cowrie with the tops broken off, cowries made of bone, later of metal, and then later ones that are just between these and the Ant Nose. Mr. Gibbs might be interested in these or Wayte Raymond, Inc., 580 Fifth Avenue, New York.

We ourselves are looking for any of the recent Chinese issues, especially those gotten out by the Soviet factions.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks